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1. THE U.S. HAS PREPARED A DRAFT "OUTLINE OF A CODE OF CONDUCT CONSISTING OF GUIDELINES FOR THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY." THIS DOCUMENT REPRESENTS A PROPOSED GROUP B POSITION AT THE NOV. 24 - DEC. 5 MEETING OF THE UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. THE U.S. TOOK RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS PAPER PURSUANT TO A GROUP B DECISION REACHED AT A MEETING ON JULY 17 UNDER AUSPICES OF THE OECD AD HOC POLICY GROUP ON MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES
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(OECD SECRETARIAT NOTE DSTI/SPR/75.61 REFERS).

2. AS WAS AGREED AT THE JULY 17 MEETING, THE PAPER HAS BEEN SENT UNDER COVER OF A LETTER DIRECTLY TO THE GROUP B MEMBERS INVOLVED. IT IS INTENDED THAT THE DRAFT BE REVIEWED BY GROUP B MEMBERS PRIOR TO A MEETING IN LATE OCTOBER OF THE SAME OECD COMMITTEE. THE PURPOSE OF THE OCTOBER MEETING WILL BE TO ACHIEVE A GROUP B CONSENSUS WHICH WILL FORM THE BASIS OF OUR POSITION AT THE NOVEMBER UNCTAD MEETING. THE PAPER IN EFFECT REPRESENTS OUR VERSION OF GUIDELINES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. IT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY INTERESTED US GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

3. FOR US MISSION TO OECD PARIS: MR. STEPHEN BOND, WHO IS TRAVELLING TO PARIS FOR IME MEETINGS, WILL HAND DELIVER THE PAPER SEPT. 29 TO THE MISSION. PLEASE TRANSMIT COPIES TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE OECD SECRETARIAT (I.E. MESSRS. G. BELL AND F. CHESNAIS OF THE DIRECTORATE FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INDUSTRY WHO ATTENDED THE JULY 17 MEETING). EXPLAIN TO THEM THAT THE PAPER HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED DIRECTLY TO GROUP B MEMBERS. FYI: DISTRIBUTION OF THE PAPER AND ITS CONSIDERATION IN OCTOBER SHOULD BE LIMITED TO THE UNCTAD GROUP B COUNTRIES LISTED IN THE OECD DOCUMENT REFERENCED IN PARAGRAPH (1). WE WOULD NOT WANT THE DOCUMENT AND ITS CONSIDERATION TO BE SCRUTINIZED BY OECD MEMBERS WHO ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE GROUP OF 77 (I.E. TURKEY), SINCE THIS IS A GROUP B STRATEGY POSITION. END FYI. CONSEQUENTLY, YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR TO SECRETARIAT THAT ANY DISTRIBUTION SHOULD BE LIMITED TO THE GROUP B COUNTRIES. (PLEASE ASCERTAIN THAT THIS IS POSSIBLE BEFORE GIVING DRAFT TO SECRETARIAT.) PREFERABLY, SECRETARIAT ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD DISCUSS DATES OF MEETING AND ITS AGENDA ONLY. ON THE LATTER POINT, WE UNDERSTAND THE DATES OF THE GROUP B MEETING HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO OCT. 27-29. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO CONSULT WITH CHAIRMAN DELORME ON THE OVERALL ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING.

4. FOR GENEVA. THE U.S. DRAFT IS BEING HAND CARRIED BY JANINA SLATTERY TO ROBERT ALLEN. PLEASE DELIVER COPIES TO INTERESTED GROUP B REPRESENTATIVES IN GENEVA.

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